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SUBJ: PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA

REF: STATE 227323

1. IN FORMALLY INFORMING THE QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR
IN CHARGE OF CENTRAL AFRICAN AFFAIRS (CABANA) OF OUR
ACCEPTANCE OF THE DATES, VENUE, AND AGENDA FOR THE
PARIS MEETING ON AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA, WE ALSO
EXPRESSED DEPARTMENT'S QUESTIONING WHETHER ONE DAY
WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE AGENDA. WE INFORMED
HER OF US DELEGATION'S WILLINGNESS TO MEET MORNING OF
SEPTEMBER 19 IF NECESSARY.

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2. CABANA SAID QUAI VIEW IS THAT ONE DAY WILL BE
ADEQUATE FOR A MEETING SUCH AS THIS WHOSE PURPOSE IS
ESSENTIALLY AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. SHE ADDED
THAT A LONGER MEETING WOULD, MOREOVER, RISK ATTRACTING
ATTENTION AND REITERATED FRENCH PREOCCUPATION WITH
THE QUESTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY.

3. WE TOLD CABANA THAT THE QUESTION OF THE AMOUNT OF SAUDI FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN FORCES IN SHABA WOULD BE A NATURAL TOPIC OF INTEREST. SHE CONFIRMED SOME SAUDI SUPPORT BUT SAID SHE WAS IGNORANT OF THE DETAILS. SHE WILL ATTEMPT TO SEE THAT FRENCH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE AT THE MEETING IS PREPARED TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION.
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